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SUBJECT: ECE - REVIEW CONFERENCE TO REVISE TIR CONVENTION

REF: GENEVA 8400

1. TIR REVIEW CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 12 ADOPTED FOLLOWING  
COMPROMISE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN ARTICLE 51, PARA 1  
(STATES CONTRACTING): "ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS OR MEMBERS OF ANY OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY OR PARTIES TO THE  
STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, AND ANY OTHER  
STATE INVITED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE CONVENTION." THIS WORDING TAKEN  
FROM ARTICLE 18 OF THE CONTAINER CONVENTION.

2. CONFERENCE ADOPTED AUSTRIAN AMENDMENT TO ART 51, PARA 4  
(ECONOMIC AND CUSTOMS UNIONS CONTRACTING) WITH ADDITION OF  
"ALL" BEFORE "THEIR MEMBER STATES" IN FIRST SENTENCE (AS  
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REQUESTED BY US) AND DELETION OF "THE REPRESENTATIVES

OF" IN SECOND SENTENCE (AS PROPOSED BY EC).

3. ART 51, PARA 4 ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE FOLLOWING STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS BY USSR, POLAND, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, GDR, BYELORUSSIA AND UKRAINE. ROMANIA REMAINED SILENT AND YUGOSLAVIA JOINED ALL OTHER SPEAKERS (INCLUDING US) IN SUPPORTING ADOPTION. FOLLOWING ADOPTION, USSR, ECHOED BY AFORESAID SUPPORTERS, STATED THAT "PARTICIPATION OF CUSTOMS AND ECONOMIC UNIONS IN THE TIR CONVENTION DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE USSR AND WILL NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT ON ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS."

4. DURING CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 57 (RESERVATIONS), USSR PROPOSED THAT IN VIEW OF "NEW SITUATION" PARA 4 OF ART 51 BE INCLUDED AS PARA TO WHICH A CONTRACTING STATE MIGHT DECLARE THAT IT DID NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND. SOVIET PROPOSAL, SUPPORTED ONLY BY SAME COUNTRIES AS ABOVE PLUS TURKEY, DEFEATED AFTER SECOND STRENUOUS DEBATE. IN PUSHING THROUGH HIS RULING, CHAIRMAN HOPED OTHER MEANS COULD BE FOUND TO EASE USSR'S PROBLEM.DALE

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